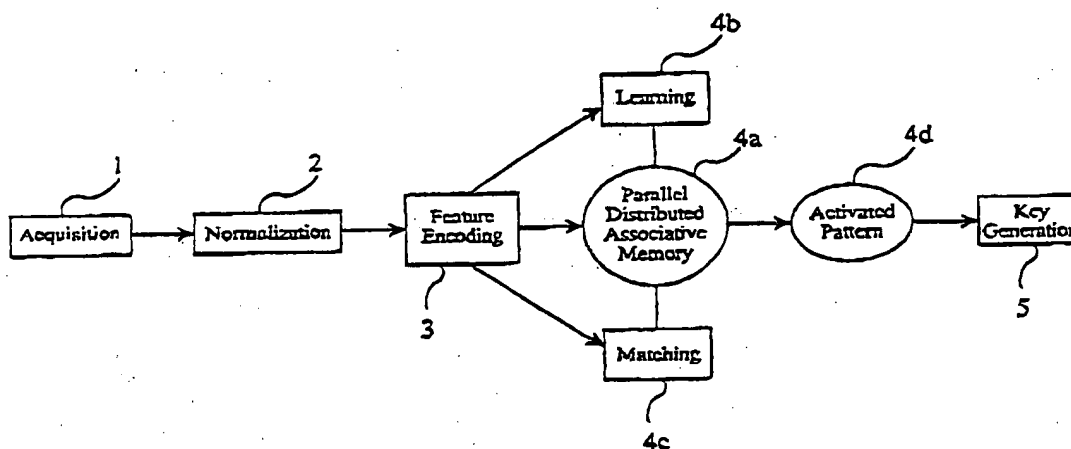


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## (57) Abstract

A method of (and apparatus for) generating a key from the person's biometrics data is disclosed which comprises the steps of: (1) capturing the person's biometric data; (2) normalizing the captured biometrics data; (3) extracting invariant features from the normalized data and representing the features as a bit pattern; (4) storing the bit pattern in associative memory for retrieval; and (5) generating the key from the retrieved bit pattern.